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AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed 8/17/04, rejecting claims 1-8, 19, 22-24, and 27-32 and objecting to claim 20 of the above-referenced patent application. The cited references are Holmes et al (5,955,343), Hubbell (6,129,761), and Holmes (PNAS 2002). The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview on Feb. 15, 2005, and for his suggestions during the interview.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. As indicated there, please amend claims 30 and please add claims 33-40. No new matter is added by the amendments.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.